Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 13 Mar 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 14 Mar 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 12 Mar 2021 at 13:38 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the cold showery conditions giving way to some more settled weather next week. Lower for details.

Headline for Saturday 13 Mar 2021: A few sunny intervals but showers becoming more frequent, with snow on the mountains. Strengthening west to northwest wind.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 13 Mar 2021

Blizzards Medium Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Medium Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Light snow showers	Light snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	10%	10%	50%	80%	50%	30%	30%

Forecast for Saturday 13 Mar 2021

Weather: Overnight snow showers will be isolated, and mainly confined to coastal ranges with rain below 300m, with clear spells elsewhere. Perhaps starting dry and bright in the east but snow showers in the west will becoming more frequent and widespread as the morning goes on. Some heavy with thunder possible but snow levels will edge up to 600m in the afternoon. Strengthening winds will lead to occasional blizzard conditions on the tops. Showers becoming lighter and more scattered in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% early morning falling 30% as the showers becoming more widespread.

Visibility: Very good at first away from showers in the west with only patchy cloud then occasionally poor or very poor in heavier snow showers with cloud lowering to 600m at times, the odd lower patch in the west.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	14/17 SW	17/21 W	25/30 SW	24/31 W	27/36 W	30/41 NW	33/44 NW	35/46 W	31/44 W
900	12/16 SW	15/19 W	22/28 SW	23/30 W	26/35 W	29/40 NW	31/43 NW	33/44 W	30/43 W
600	8/11 SW	9/13 SW	14/19 SW	16/23 SW	19/28 W	20/30 NW	22/33 NW	22/33 W	21/33 W
300	1/9 SW	2/13 W	3/19 W	6/22 W	8/27 W	8/32 NW	9/34 NW	9/35 W	9/34 W
Glen	2/5 SW	1/5 NW	4/11 W	8/17 W	15/26 W	14/27 NW	13/28 NW	13/27 W	12/27 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-4/-10	-4/-11	-4/-12	-4/-12	-2/-10	-2/-11	-3/-12	-3/-12	-3/-12
900	-3/-9	-3/-10	-3/-11	-3/-10	-2/-9	-1/-9	-2/-10	-2/-11	-2/-10
600	-1/-5	-1/-6	-1/-7	-1/-7	1/-6	1/-5	0/-6	0/-7	0/-6
300	0/-2	0/-1	0/-1	1/-2	2/-1	3/-0	2/-1	2/-2	2/-1
Glen	3/2	3/2	3/1	4/1	5/1	7/3	6/2	5/1	5/1
Freezing Level*	400m	400m	400m	500m	600m	600m	600m	600m	600m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note the very low feels like temperatures.

Forecast for Sunday 14 Mar 2021
Weather: Clear or sunny intervals and a few showers again of snow above about 500-600m.

Maximum wind: West to northwest 35 gusts 50mph easing 25 gusts 35mph by evening. Wind causing it to feel bitterly cold at height.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%

Visibility: Good away from cloud and showers, occasionally poor in showers. Very poor in occasional cloud near showers when it dips to 600-750m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Zero to Plus 2 rising to Plus 6 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 1 Celsius.
Freezing level: 700m.

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